

Art, Music & Drama case study

Southlands High School Chorley, Lancashire

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Timescale
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4 weeks on site
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Education

From bright, contemporary, art rooms – complete with teacher walls, drying racks, storage spaces and demonstration areas – to a tiered performance theatre and a ‘star’ lit dressing room, Innova has equipped Southlands High School for a future of learning.



Brief

Following our successful delivery of furniture for a brand new Science Block, Innova Design Group was invited to create interiors for an inspirational music and arts block for students, staff as well as the wider community.

Art rooms were fitted with teacher walls, drying racks and demonstration areas. A monochrome scheme was preferred to showcase the room with student art work, creating colourful displays to inspire budding artists of the future.

Customised drying racks provided a safe place for students work to dry, keeping worktops clutter-free.

“
*The work has really
equipped us for the
future*

Mark Fowle, Headteacher ”

Carcase | Manufactured from 18mm MF MDF
 Worktops | Trespa
 Edging | ABS Colour matched edging

Seating | Ergonomic stools
 Tables | Steel frame powder coated tables
 Hinge | 240° pivot safety hinges

“
... it has a college atmosphere - children say it's like working in an art studio.
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 Art Teacher, Southlands High School



Solution

Striking music rooms were designed with a central performance space, island benching and keyboard storage, ideal for both practical and theory lessons.

Installation of a tiered performance theatre and a 'star' lit dressing room brought drama lessons to life.

An unused corridor was cleverly transformed to a multi-functional break-out area with storage, textile and MAC design space.

The redevelopment has also played a huge role in improving academic achievement: since completion, the school has seen a 30% increase in pupil numbers despite falling rolls locally and its best ever Art results in 2013.

With outstanding new facilities to inspire staff and students for years to come, Southlands is truly equipped for the educational challenges of the future.